

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & NATIONAL GUARD
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
Monday, January 24, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair
Sen. Fred Fife
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Joseph G. Murray

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ure called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep Murray moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups and Rep. Kiser absent for the vote.

National Guard

Brigadier General Ralph Dewsnup, Deputy Commander of the Utah National Guard, and Colonel Craig Morgan, Construction and Facilities Management Officer of the National Guard, presented the primary budget issues of the National Guard on a handout and answered questions from the committee. Todd Valline, State Resource Manager, explained the allocation of tuition funds. Colonel Scot Olsen, Training Site Manager, Camp Williams noted the use of armories by families of deployed personnel.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, explained the organization and use of the Budget Analysis FY 2006 book. The Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) maintenance of the National Guard facilities was discussed. Bruce Whittington, Program Manager, DFCM, noted that they are doing only preventive maintenance. Col. Morgan pointed out the value of National Guard units in local community economies.

The Analyst recommends a base budget for FY 06 of \$23,015,100 for the National Guard with no change to the number of FTE's which is 139. This includes funding for five programs including

Administration, Armory Maintenance, Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Cemetery, and Veterans' Nursing Home. It is recommended that \$117,500 be appropriated to fund the balance of the DFCM armory maintenance contract. It is also recommended that there be no change to the current fees charged for Utah National Guard services.

Rep. Ure gave an assignment to Rep. Kiser and Rep. Cox to meet with Col. Morgan to explore ways to work with the committee on natural resources. They are to report back at Thursday's meeting.

Department of Environmental Quality

The Analyst presented a summary of the Department of Environmental Quality's budget. A base operating budget is recommended for FY 06 in the amount of \$41,948,500. This recommendation includes funding for seven programs including Executive Director's Office, Air Quality, Environmental Response and Remediation, Radiation Control, Water Quality, Drinking Water, and Solid and Hazardous Waste.

The Analyst recommends appropriating \$81,600 from the General Fund Restricted - Environmental Quality Account. The recommendation includes funding for a full time equivalent to implement an audit program of waste disposal facilities' fees.

The Analyst recommends the committee consider the funding of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for the continued initiative against high level nuclear waste storage in Utah.

The Analyst recommends the committee approve \$87,200 to be appropriated from the Petroleum Storage Tank Expendable Trust Fund on a one-time basis to continue to pursue cost recovery of cleanup of leaking storage tanks. There was a discussion of the success of cost recovery efforts in the past.

Jeff Salt, Utah Watershed Coordinators Council, addressed the watershed program which is under the Division of Water Quality.

The Analyst recommends a transfer of \$400,000 from the General Fund Restricted - Environmental Quality Account to the Hazardous Substance Mitigation Fund.

The Analyst recommends an appropriation of \$142,300 from the General Fund Restricted - Environmental Quality Account for funding for an FTE and computer hardware and software to implement an electronic files management system.

The Analyst recommends consideration of a \$50,000 one-time appropriation from the General Fund for watershed management.

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MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ure adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair